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CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

JERUSALEM FOR AMBASSADOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, IS, EG
SUBJECT: GOI DECIDES TO POSTPONE DEPARTURE OF
COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

REFS: A) CAIRO 21761, B) TEL AVIV 13421, C) CAIRO 21733

1. A GOOD DEAL OF CONFUSION HAS SUDDENLY BLOWN UP HERE
OVER THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INITIATING THE NEXT PHASE OF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EGYPTIANS. THE PROBLEM WILL BE
SORTED OUT SHORTLY, I HOPE, AND ROY ATHERTON CAN EXPLAIN
IT TO YOU ON SATURDAY. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, THE
ISRAELIS ARE POSTPONING SENDING THEIR COMMUNICATIONS
TEAM TO CAIRO, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR'S
HOLIDAY (ENDING OCT 3). SUGGEST YOU EXPLAIN IN LOW KEY
FASHION SO AS NOT TO GIVE UNINTENDED POLITICAL SIGNAL.
PROBLEM IS NEED FOR US TO SORT OUT A BIT WITH THE ISRAELIS
OUR NEXT STEPS, PLUS A RECURRENCE OF BUREAUCRATIC AND
PERSONAL COMPETITION BETWEEN FOREIGN AND DEFENSE

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MINISTRIES HERE OVER LEADERSHIP ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE
WILL LET THE EGYPTIANS KNOW THROUGH YOU WHAT THE ISRAELIS
WANT TO DO ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS AS SOON AS THESE ISSUES
HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE. LEWIS

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